

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **SEN. KEN TOOLE**, on January 26, 2005 at 8:02 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D), Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D), Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 48, 1/17/2005; SB 213, 1/17/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:46

HEARING ON SB 213

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 213, Revise recycling laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:23 Jason Vollmer, Montana Recycled Materials
Coalition

EXHIBIT (tas20a01)

00:04:15 Mike Halligan, Washington Corporation
00:06:28 Nicole Procop, Holcim Inc.
00:08:34 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal
Council
00:08:55 David Hoffman, Pennsylvania Power and Light

EXHIBIT (tas20a02)

00:09:46 SEN. ELLIOTT arrives.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:33 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information
Center

00:20:21

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:59 SEN. ELLIOTT assumes the Chair.

Communication from Department of Revenue regarding SB 219

EXHIBIT (tas20a03)

00:21:12

HEARING ON SB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on **SB 48**, Stop class 8 property tax reduction.

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:34 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Development Officer,
Office of the Governor

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a06\)](#)

00:34:17 Dan Bucks, Department of Revenue

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a07\)](#)

00:42:48 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

00:47:33 Judy Smith, Montana Fair Share Network

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a08\)](#)

00:50:34 Gene Fenderson, Progressive Labor Caucus

00:51:28 Kim Abbott, WEEL, Montana Fair Share Network

Opponents' Testimony:

00:52:11 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:57:52 Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:59:32 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

01:01:23 Gary Forrest, Montana Contractors Association

01:02:15 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas20a11\)](#)

01:11:44 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses

01:15:51 Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce,
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

01:18:23 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

Informational Testimony: None.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:02:34

Don DePrath, DePrath Ford, VW, Audi

01:59:49

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:02 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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